

Norman Nicholson Society
Schools and Community Liaison Officer
Annual Report 2022

This has been another year of fresh challenges due to the ongoing restrictions we have had to face during the pandemic. The Christmas Tree Festival was once again cancelled and a much appreciated seasonal event was lost to the community.

However it was satisfying to be involved with the creation of the Walking Trail App around Millom and district to link the writing of NN to the local landscape. This was launched in March and it is hoped that a further trail around Haverigg will be added in the near future. The App also has the scope to include additional Trails.

A branch of the Rotary Club have recently requested a guided walk with members of the NNS based on the Town Trail on the App so that will take place within the next few months. The organiser expressed his lack of knowledge about NN and is welcoming learning more about him when participating in the Town Trail.

In April we will be welcoming to Millom the MA students from the University of Cumbria who are studying Romanticism and the English Lake District. Last year we had to develop this as a 'virtual' visit online so it will be good to see the students back in Millom once again and showing them the places which inspired NN and explaining more about the links to his writing and the local landscape.

The textiles created by Flax of Ulverston for the WW exhibition 'Still Glides the Stream' were brought to the Holy Trinity Church Millom where they were on display over several weekends. I requested that a small NN display could also accompany this event so the poem 'To the River Duddon' went on display along with a few other resources visitors to enjoy and appreciate the links between NN and WW.

There has been very limited access to schools in recent times. They still continue to experience pupil and staff illnesses which makes it difficult to plan or work with them. I have been able to have contact with Haverigg Primary School and we do hope to be able to collaborate on work with the school children to develop a part of the Haverigg Walking Trail App. Unfortunately that has been cancelled twice already due to issues with Covid but we do plan to work together in the future when it is safe to do so. The headteacher of Haverigg Primary School has also offered to support me in the development and delivery of online teaching resources as this might be the best way in the near future to work with other schools.

Haverigg Primary School are applying for their Artsmark and the head would like to see the inclusion of NN's writing as a major feature in the curriculum as an inspiration for a range of creative work. This will also hopefully encourage other local schools to participate in creative projects based on a 'Local Habitation.'

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